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SUBJECT: ITALIAN SHIPMENT OF APCS TO LIBYA

1. IN COURSE OF CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN, FEBRUARY 4, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR ORTONA SAID THAT DURING HIS RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN ROME PRIME MINISTER RUMOR HAD REQUESTED ORTONA TO MAKE ANOTHER APPEAL TO US FOR APPROVAL OF ITALY'S REQUEST TO SHIP 150 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS TO LIBYA. RUMOR OBSERVED THAT ITALY'S CONTINUOUS DIFFICULTIES WITH LIBYA AND FACT THAT ITALIAN MANUFACTURER HAD ALREADY SIGNED CONTRACT WITH LIBYA FOR SHIPMENT PLACED HIM IN EXTREMELY EMBARRASSING SITUATION. PRIME MINISTER FURTHER FAILED TO SEE HOW WE COULD OPPOSE CURRENT REQUEST, SINCE WE HAD ALREADY APPROVED EARLIER ITALIAN SHIPMENT OF APCS TO LIBYA. IN VIEW IMPROVED SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST AND FACT THAT OUR REFUSAL PUTS LIBYANS IN POSITION TO CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR PRIME MINISTER, ORTONA ASKED FOR RECONSIDERATION OF OUR POSITION. IN RESPONSE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER IN VIEW OF THE PRIME
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